

ON THE MOVE

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Vision

Safer communities through successful youth.

Mission Statement

ADJC enhances public protection by changing the delinquent thinking and behaviors of juvenile offenders committed to the Department.



ADJC Quarterly Highlights

ADJC teacher named Correctional Educator/Professional of the Year

ADJC takes top honors at the annual Arizona Correctional Educators, Inc. (ACE) Symposium. Catalina Mountain School teacher Donna Bauman was recognized as the Correctional Educator/Professional of the Year. The "Stars Behind Bars" program at Eagle Point School, run by teacher Ken Zeigler, was recognized as the Innovative Program of the Year. Nominations were solicited from all secure care adult and juvenile facilities throughout the state.

Black Canyon School student wins gold in state championships

Students from Black Canyon School competed in the Skills USA State Championships on April 28 and 29. Five students competed in interviews and one in Speech. All students were well spoken and received excellent reviews from the judges. Five students competed in the Culinary competition.

Congratulations to Amber who won the gold medal for the Prepared Speech competition. Amber previously won a gold medal in the regional competition for extemporaneous speaking and a bronze medal for interviews. Amber went on to the national championships in Kansas City in May.

First graduate from Deferred Revocation program

In January, youth Jair was placed on the Deferred Revocation Program. Jair was failing on conditional liberty because he had failed to obtain employment, failed to show up for his drug tests, and failed to complete his community service. Rather than revoking Jair and returning him to Adobe Mountain School, Jair's Parole Officer and his Youth Ombuds requested he be placed in the Deferred Revocation program. The pilot program incorporates the principles of therapeutic jurisprudence and attempts to keep the youth in the community under closer supervision of the Parole Officer, the Youth Hearing Officer, and the Youth Ombuds.

On March 18, 2008, Jair became the first Deferred Revocation graduate, and he was reinstated to Conditional Liberty. Youth Jair is a success story, because he really 'got it' and got his act together.

In fact, Jair is now holding two jobs! He completed drug testing and all his community service hours. Jair has changed his life. As a result, he obtained an absolute discharge in April 2008.

Eagle Point School student wins grand prize at regional science fair

As far as Science teacher Ken Zeigler is concerned, incarcerated boys have every right to reach for the stars. And so for the past two years, Mr. Zeigler has taught them to do just that. Mr. Zeigler teaches Earth and Space Science at Eagle Point School. This year, one of Zeigler's students won the grand prize at the Central Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair and competed in the international competition in Atlanta. The student received a scholarship to ASU for his outstanding work. This is the second year one of Zeigler's students has received a scholarship.



YOUTH SUCCESSES

VINCENT was committed to ADJC for a serious offense requiring a 12 month stay. While in secure care, Vincent successfully completed the Recovery Program for substance abuse. After his release, he met weekly with his counselor to address substance abuse and decision making issues. All of Vincent's drug tests were negative. He completed his required community service hours and even volunteered extra hours. Vincent attends school and works part-time at his grand parent's store. In May 2007, he was a speaker at the White House Faith-based & Community Initiatives Conference. Participants applauded his efforts to remain sober. Vincent was granted an absolute discharge from ADJC.

ADAM has been in the juvenile justice system since he was nine. He had very little family support or positive influences — he was an angry young man when he was committed to ADJC. Adam worked hard on his treatment issues, and even obtained his GED. Upon release, he completed a three-month training program sponsored by the Arizona Builders Alliance, and he did it all in one month. Today, Adam works for a mechanical company and is doing well.

Bishop Olmstead celebrates Easter with girls at Black Canyon School



The Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, celebrated Easter Mass at Black Canyon School. For the girls at BCS, the Mass was uplifting and hopeful. This was an historic event for ADJC and Arizona because it was the first time a Catholic Bishop celebrated Mass in a juvenile corrections facility. Over 25% of juveniles in the agency's secure care facilities self-identify as Catholic.

Paroled youth Work & Learn in community

Nine ADJC paroled youth participated in the Arizona Department of Public Safety 6th annual Fundraising BBQ for the Arizona Special Olympics. The youths assisted in the set up of the event and worked in the serving line. They were also given an overview of the DPS Air Rescue Helicopter and program.



Dianne Gadow joins Texas Youth Commission

In March 2008, Ms. Dianne Gadow, Administrator for Strategic Design, was selected by the Texas Youth Commission to serve as the agency's Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Treatment. Ms. Gadow formerly served as the Deputy Director of Operations for ADJC and is currently the Chairperson of the American Correctional Association Juvenile Corrections Committee.

Director's Corner

Tell a friend. Tell staff. Tell someone you trust. This tag line on posters and brochures appeals to all ADJC youths and staff to report sexual assault and abuse. It is a call to action and it is the department's commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all youths and employee in its care. ADJC is committed to reporting, investigating and forwarding to the County Attorney, when appropriate, all sexual assault and abuse allegations.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) applies to all federal and state prisons, jails and community corrections settings, including adult and juvenile facilities. In January, the entire ADJC community, youths and staff learned about prevention, reporting, and the consequences for committing sexual assault and abuse.

Parents and family members received letters announcing the PREA initiative. Posters and brochures were created and are displayed in all ADJC safe schools and community corrections offices. At ADJC, it's everyone's responsibility to create and maintain a safe environment. To view my message about PREA, or for more information on PREA, visit the agency public website at www.azdjc.gov.

I'm always happy to address any concerns or questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me at my office (602) 542-4302 or by email at mbranham@azdjc.gov.

YOUTH SUCCESSES

WILLIAM earned a reputation as a leader at Catalina Mountain School. He assisted his peers and staff in a positive manner. He worked diligently in school and never had a referral.

Within the first few days of his release to the community, William had completed his community service hours volunteering at a food bank. He enrolled in school and continued earning high school credits. Unfortunately, William had a setback in school—he had a verbal dispute with one of his teachers and was suspended.

William immediately contacted his Parole Officer to report the incident. William called the school, without prompting, to apologize. He was assigned 30 additional hours of community service as a consequence for his suspension and accepted it without complaint.

William works part-time and is busy with school and work. In May 2008, William was granted an absolute discharge.

Culinary program expands to boys at Adobe Mountain School

The first boys culinary program concluded the end of January 2008. The students from Adobe Mountain School were taken to the culinary kitchen at Black Canyon School for the program. Every student passed the test for their food handler's card.

Arizona Daily Star reports troubled youths' mentors use cyber-help

When IBM engineer Quinatas Schulzke heard of an opportunity last year to mentor incarcerated youths at Catalina Mountain School, he decided to throw a lifeline to a youth adrift. There seemed to be no better opportunity. So Schulzke and eight other men from IBM embarked upon a journey to convince their students that scars heal, destiny is not predetermined and it's possible to change your life. The boys have learned from their mentors to navigate computer programs, as well as improve interviewing and resume-writing skills. Mentors press the boys on educational possibilities, and ask hard questions like, "how are you going to ensure you won't commit crimes when you get out?"

Catalina vs. Adobe in flag football

Boys from Adobe Mountain School traveled to Tucson's Catalina Mountain School for a game of flag football. Catalina took a close 14-7 victory. Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship!



Learning for life-graduation class of 2008

The girls at Black Canyon School celebrated their success with family, friends and staff at the high school, GED and Culinary graduation in February 2008. Lt.

Glen Wiggins led the student honor guard in the Posting of the Colors. BCS students played many roles in the graduation ceremony: Chrisean delivered the Pledge of Allegiance; Desiree and Samicha sang the National Anthem; Kati, the Valedictorian, and Chrisean, the Salutatorian, delivered graduation speeches. Elizabeth and Jordan performed *I Hope you Dance* to which a group of students performed interpretive dance; and Misty, Skyla and Tanya sang *I Will Remember You*. In her closing remarks, Deputy Director Dr. Kellie Warren asked the graduates to remember what they had learned and to continue their path toward education.



YOUTH SUCCESSES

It took ROBERTO two attempts to get it right but after his original commitment, and parole revocation, Roberto did finally succeed. He was awarded an absolute discharge in May 2008.

Roberto enrolled in high school following his release and is on track to earn his high school diploma. He works part-time, which gives him time to focus on his studies. Roberto completed his community service hours within the first week in the community. He was a model citizen while on parole.

KATHERINE was committed to ADJC in May 2007. While in secure care she received treatment to address substance abuse, suicidal ideation and PTSD. Katherine completed treatment and was released to the community in February 2008. In the community, Katherine enrolled in school, completed aftercare counseling, and completed community service hours. She maintained a positive attitude and continued to volunteer extra hours in her community. Although once troubled in her relationships, she became helpful with her grandparents and developed good relationships with family members. Katherine received an absolute discharge in June 2008.

Tucson media covers pet care program at Catalina Mountain School

For nine years, the Arizona Humane Society of Southern Arizona has provided a pet care program for the youths at Catalina Mountain School. On May 7, Tucson television stations, KOLD and KGUN, and the Tucson Citizen newspaper, arrived at CMS to cover the last class of the pet care program— the puppy grooming class. Five puppies and their mother were part of the lesson. These five puppies were just a few of the nearly 800 dogs rescued recently in Southern Arizona.



Arizona juvenile justice studied

In February 2008, ADJC was host to a delegation of French officials here to share ideas and learn from Arizona's juvenile justice system. Representatives from the National Associations for Child and Teenage Protection (UNASEA) visited Arizona as a privileged envoy of the French Justice Department. The delegation spent six days with ADJC touring Arizona juvenile correctional facilities, county courts, detention centers, and juvenile placements.



Adobe youth wins all school chess championships

Chess champions from the four ADJC safe schools came together on May 22 to compete for the 2008 overall agency honor. After three intense rounds of play, Adrian from Adobe Mountain School emerged the overall champion!



ADJC students attend all-state student council convention

Four ADJC students attended the Arizona Statewide Student Council Convention hosted by the Ironwood High School Student Council. Three youth from Adobe Mountain School and one from Eagle Point School spent two days interacting with over 1,500 other high school student.

Yuma victim shares her story for Victims' Rights Week

April 13-19 was National Victims' Rights Week. This year's theme, *Justice for Victims. Justice for All*, means there will not be justice for any of us if we don't seek greater fairness for victims of crime.

Pat was a victim of juvenile crime. In a video produced for ADJC by the Department of Public Safety, Pat talks about her experience and how the department stood behind her. The youth who committed the offense against Pat was committed to the department. As part of his treatment, he worked through a victim empathy workbook and eventually wrote Pat an apology letter in which he took responsibility for his actions.